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Honorable Bill K. Brewster  
House of Representatives  
1727 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brewster:

This is in reply to your letter of February 19, 1993, in which you inquired on  
behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule

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Ms. Lauren J. Belvin  
Acting Director- Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Room 808  
Washington, D.C., 20554

Dear Ms. Belvin:

I am writing on behalf of several constituents who have contacted me to express their concerns about Proposed Rule Docket 92-235 regarding radio control of model airplanes.

Enclosed, please find a copy of one of the letters I have received concerning this proposed action by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). My constituents are extremely concerned about the loss of dedicated frequencies for radio control of model airplanes and possible interference to radio control operations. After reviewing this matter, I share the concerns of my constituents and believe that the FCC has an obligation to address these concerns before issuing any Final Rule. I would appreciate you looking into this matter and responding to the concerns outlined in the enclosed letter. Please forward your response to my Washington Office.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter,  
I remain

Sincerely,

*Bill K. Brewster*

Bill K. Brewster  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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Sir

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in the band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, but more to the point, they are capable of causing significant damage.